

FRENCH COUNTRY TO BE RECOVERED

PLAN TO REPEAL MANAGER BILL EASILY SMASHED

Capt. Fitzhugh Got Dr. J. D. McAlister, of Antislavery League, Into Fight, But Dr. McAlister Became Satisfied TO BE INTRODUCED IN BOTH HOUSES THURSDAY

Public Joint Hearing Probable Friday Night and Early Passage of Memphis City Manager Act Assured.

BY GEORGE MORRIS.
NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 19.—The Memphis city manager bill will be introduced in both branches of the legislature Thursday as an amendment to the city charter. Thursday will pass first reading. Friday it will pass second reading and will be referred to the committees on municipal affairs, and the plan now is to have a joint hearing Friday night, after which the bill will come up in the respective branches of the legislature in their order, unless some unforeseen obstacle is placed in the way it will pass with slight objection.

In the language of the bill, the opponents of the city manager bill "had the dirt cut from under their feet" Wednesday.

The bill will be introduced with the other provision inserted in accordance with the wishes of the governor and incidentally to the satisfaction of Dr. J. D. McAlister, superintendent of the Antislavery League, who at the urgent solicitation of Capt. G. T. Fitzhugh, appeared in vain to the governor to have the bill approved until Capt. Fitzhugh could reach Nashville Thursday morning.

A question of the referendum was submitted by the governor in his reference. He stated that Gen. F. M. Thompson had rendered an opinion in which it was held that the referendum feature attached to the measure would render it unconstitutional.

"I did not ask the attorney-general for an opinion on the Memphis city manager bill with the referendum attached, but upon another matter of a parallel nature, and I am quite satisfied."

The committee of 13, representing the citizens of Memphis, who drafted the bill, met Wednesday at a delayed train. An appointment was made at the committee and the Shelby county legislative delegation met with the governor. In the party was Judge M. M. Neil, formerly chief justice of the state supreme court.

R. R. Ellis, chairman of the committee, made a statement of the purposes of the measure. He stated that the committee had inserted an outer provision in the bill, but was not satisfied.

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SEPARATION ENDS LIFE OF WIFE'S SUICIDE

Mrs. J. D. Woodall Ends Life While Husband Is in Home Nearby.

Separated from her husband four days, but with only the width of Delaware street intervening, Mrs. Lucile Woodall, 25 years old, swallowed four tablets, said to be of the nature of strychnine, at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon and died before physicians could reach her.

While neighbors were frantically working over her at the home of Mrs. Hastings, 144 Delaware street, her husband, John D. Woodall, carpenter, remained in the Woodall home, 906 Delaware street, just across the street from the Hastings home, so neighbors said. According to reports, Mrs. Woodall had brooded over her husband's estrangement from her husband. She had been at the Hastings dwelling since before noon Thursday. Mrs. Woodall sent to a drug store and secured the poisonous tablets. Shortly after noon Mrs. Hastings observed Mrs. Woodall swallow some of the tablets, and doctors, who died before they arrived.

BATTLE-SCARRED FLAGS ARE RETURNED TO DONORS AS RELICS



Charles E. Hughes accepting for Union League club colors of 36th regiment.

The flags presented to the 36th regiment by the Union League club, of New York, when the regiment sailed for France, have been returned to the donors by the regiment. The colors, battle-scarred and grimy, will be treasured as war relics by the club. With fitting ceremonies and in a heavy snowstorm the flags were returned to Charles E. Hughes, former chief justice, representing the club, by Maj. Appleton, commanding officer of the first battalion, 36th regiment.

How An Innocent Bystander Viewed Mass Meeting of 646

Alfred Mason told a touching story of himself and the voice crying in the wilderness, but made no mention of Jephtha's vow as a basis for his opinion. Jephtha is supposed to have been one of the elect.

In an effort to show how hard it would be to graft the city manager plan upon the present local charter, Mr. Mason stated that the city manager plan was "the great California graft."

Had Judge Malone been present he would have felt at home. He would have felt that he was at an old-time gathering to change the constitution so as to permit a referendum on the city manager plan. The arguments were splendid along that line.

Surely Judge Buchanan must have been practicing law in Hernando while Mayor Monteverde was sheriff, or he would not have been so sure of his ground in his attack on the city manager plan.

However the captain strained in his extreme argument against the constitutionality of the outer addition. It was possible to make a constitutional amendment.

DIG BOND ISSUE PLANNED FOR ROAD

War Finance Board Considers Huge Amount to Secure Funds Needed.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The war finance corporation is considering floating a large bond issue, probably of \$200,000,000, within a few weeks, to provide funds for railroads and to meet any other demands on the corporation. The interest rate contemplated is 4 1/2 per cent.

The bonds would run for a year or possibly a year and a half, according to tentative plans. They would be sold privately to banks and big business men, and the proceeds would be loaned to the railroads at a low rate of interest.

The bonds would be exempt from all taxes except estate, inheritance, excess profits, war profits and surtaxes, and interest on the bonds would be exempt from the federal income tax.

By law the war finance corporation may issue up to \$2,000,000,000 of bonds, secured by collateral taken in connection with advances already made by the corporation. No bonds have been issued heretofore, but proposals for large advances to railroads brings the corporation within sight of possible expansion of the half billion dollars authorized as original capital.

SPARK CAN RAISE TROOPS TO ACTION BY ALLIED ARMY

Berlin Paper Reports Poles Have Taken Over Mannheim, Karlsruhe, Rheinau and Village of Winhafen.

GENEVA, March 20. (Havas).—French troops have occupied Mannheim and Karlsruhe on the east bank of the Rhine, because of Spartan outbreaks there, the Vossische Zeitung, of Berlin, says. The newspaper adds that the French also occupied Rheinau, five miles south of Mannheim, and Winhafen.

A Berlin dispatch received Monday said that reports had been received there that the British and French had advanced their outposts from limits of their bridgeheads at Cologne and Mayence, respectively. The French were reported to have entered Frankfurt.

Mannheim is south of the Maxence bridgehead area, but is directly on the east bank of the Rhine, where it is joined by the Neckar. Karlsruhe is about five miles east of the Rhine. There have been no reports of disorders in Mannheim and Karlsruhe recently.

There has been no statement from allied quarters either denying or admitting the report that the British and French had enlarged their bridgehead limits.

ALL UKRAINE NOW IN HANDS OF BOLSHIEVI

LONDON, March 20.—Virtually all of the Ukraine is now in the hands of the Bolsheviks, according to advice received today in London. The Bolsheviks have taken control of the entire Ukraine, from the Black Sea to the Polish frontier, and have forced the Poles to withdraw from the region.

TENNESSEE GUNNERS REACH NEWPORT NEWS

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 20.—Bringing 685 men of the 114th machine gun battalion of the 30th division, the transport Princess Matloka arrived today from St. Nazaire, France. The unit is composed of North Carolina national guardsmen.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—War department officials today stated that no request for routing had been made by the commanding officer of the 114th machine gun battalion, 30th division, now at Camp Stuart, and that consequently it was not known when the unit would leave for Raleigh to be paraded before the 114th field artillery, 30th division, at Camp Jackson for demobilization.

TYPHOID CONTINUES TO SPREAD IN CITY

More Than 100 Cases Are Reported—Chemist Says City Water Safe.

The spread of typhoid fever continues unabated, according to reports received by the city health department. Forty-four new cases were reported Wednesday and three Tuesday morning before 9 a.m., making a total of 103 cases reported to the department since March 12.

No deaths were reported from typhoid Wednesday, but two deaths were reported from contaminated water as the cause. Dr. J. M. Walton, 534 North Second street, near where the Auction house was located, reported that a woman from a broken sewer pipe reported that Mrs. Mary E. Hill, 66, died March 18 of typhoid fever.

Capt. Fitzhugh's special bits were his keen and classic story at Dr. Hatten's office, where he delivered a splendid tribute to the man of today. It so happens that President Wilson is honored by the fact that he is the son of a man who has been a member of the city health department.

JAP DOCTOR FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

TOWSON, Md., March 20.—Dr. Norio Ishida, the Japanese physician, today was found guilty of first degree murder in the killing of George B. Wolff, an associate of Chief Justice Burke. Dr. Ishida is being held in the county jail.

CHAUFFEUR IS HELD AS NEGRO GIRL'S SLAYER

When policemen arrived at a negro dwelling in the rear of 621 South Willet street early Wednesday night, where Laura Sims, negro, 22 years old, had been shot through the heart a few minutes before, among the negroes hovering over her body was Arthur Warren, negro chauffeur, 30 years old. He was assisting to lift the woman's body to a hearse and the police did not suspect he was the slayer of the woman.

PAID COMPLETE PRICES FOR COOPER BAKER AND EACH

Two Reception Committees Named to Greet Distinguished Visitors When They Reach Memphis.

A complete list of both the stage and depot reception committees, selected to receive Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, and Gen. Peyton C. March, chief of staff, when they arrive in Memphis for a brief stay, and an address by Secretary Baker, Tuesday evening, March 25, was announced Thursday morning by J. T. McLaughlin, chairman of the traffic and transportation club entertainment committee, and general chairman of the reception committees.

The list is made up of representatives of the various divisions, organizations of the city and other prominent citizens, and is notable in that it contains two former secretaries of war, Gen. Luke E. Wright and Judge J. M. Dickinson.

J. E. McKnight is chairman of the stage committee and Jack Quinn is chairman of the depot committee. Both are members of the chamber of commerce and the transportation club.

The reception list has been divided into two committees in order to avoid confusion at the railroad station and the stage. Invitations were mailed out Thursday morning to all on the two committees. The gentlemen on the stage committee are requested to meet themselves at the stage entrance, before 10 o'clock, for Mr. Baker's appearance and present their invitations as cards of admission.

Arrive at 7:15 P. M. The distinguished guests will arrive over the Rock Island at Grand Central station at 7:15 o'clock Tuesday night and will remain in the city until 9:30 o'clock. They will leave Memphis for Louisville from the Union depot over the L. & N. railroad.

In order to insure time, Secretary Baker and Gen. March will have dinner en route and will proceed immediately to Goodwin institute where Secretary Baker will speak. This arrangement is made by special request of Mr. Baker, who, when he found that his time in Memphis would be limited, declared that he would rather "talk in Memphis than eat."

Postmaster C. W. Metcalf, Jr., chairman of the music committee, has arranged to have the Boy Scouts' band play at the Grand Central station, and the marching band of the Louisville high school orchestra to furnish the music at the institute.

It is expected that Mr. Baker will succeed in making a distinct hit in Memphis, as he is rated as one of the most eloquent and powerful speakers of the day.

LEGISLATOR KILLED BY AUTO ACCIDENT

J. H. Bessent Dead, Two Others Hurt When Car Goes Over Bluff at Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 20.—Representative J. H. Bessent, of Dyer county, was instantly killed, Representative Dan Wolfenbarger, of Grainger county, perhaps fatally hurt and Representative M. P. Long, of Robertson county, severely injured at 12:30 today, when an automobile in which they were traveling went over a bluff into the Tennessee river.

The automobile party was on its way to attend a session of the Agricultural and Industrial Normal school, to which the legislature had been summoned. Both houses met in joint session this afternoon to pass suitable resolutions over the death of Representative Bessent and to arrange for the funeral of the dead legislator. The legislature then adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Bessent.

JUDGE DICKINSON FAVORS LEAGUE OF NATIONS

"I have always favored a league of nations," said Judge J. M. Dickinson, former secretary of war under the administration of William Taft, who is a visitor in Memphis.

Judge Dickinson declined to enter into a detailed discussion of the league of nations, but he did say that he was in favor of it. He said that he was in favor of it because he believed it would bring about peace and stability in the world.

DOCTOR ARRESTED FACES WIFE-SLAYING CHARGE

NEW YORK, March 20.—Dr. Walter Keene Wilkins, who was arrested at the Pennsylvania station soon after his arrival from Baltimore, was taken to Long Beach today for arraignment before Justice of the Peace Cassius Coleman on the charge of having murdered his wife at their Long Beach home on Feb. 27.

The elderly physician, who disappeared last Sunday a few hours before a warrant was issued for his arrest, came back to New York voluntarily after he had telegraphed District Attorney Charles R. Weeks, of Nassau county, from Baltimore of his intention to return.

BROKER PLEDGES ARE AFFECTED BY LYRIC ADDRESSES

City Employees and Few Labor Men Reiterate Cry for "Referendum" and Some Unnamed Changes.

NEARLY 650 PEOPLE AT "MASS MEETING"

Monteverde and Mason Attempt Explanation of Pledge Breaking—Fitzhugh Attacks City Manager Plan.

PROMISES BEFORE ELECTION. "We pledge ourselves unreservedly to the city manager plan of government as proposed by the business men's committee, and agree to forward legislation to that end."

"F. L. MONTEVERDE, "A. D. MASON, "C. W. MILLER."

The city manager plan, arranged by the city administration and public utilities corporations to protect against the bill providing for the city manager form of government for Memphis, held Wednesday night at the New Lyric theater, brought out a very disheartening crowd in police numbers.

When the meeting adjourned at 10 o'clock the sidewalk in front of the theater looked like the city hall on pay day. Every traffic policeman on the day force was there. Every police officer from the Bureau down to sergeants, every patrolman who could be spared from his night beat and every constable on the day force were there.

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Street cleaning forces also turned out. Wirt Willis headed a delegation from the city manager plan. The delegation was made up of the city manager plan. The delegation was made up of the city manager plan.

WORLD AIR CODE BEING ADOPTED BY ALLIES

Proposed International Plan Whereby Sky Traffic Will Be Regulated Now in Hands of Subcommittee.

PARIS, March 20.—The international aeronautics commission has a subcommittee working on the proposed international air code. It is hoped the code will be completed within a week and the results presented to the peace conference.

From the progress made by the subcommittee, it appears the proposal to subject traffic by the air routes to virtually the same regulations as that by ground routes. It is planned to protect the customs regulations of the various countries by establishing landing grounds at the frontiers and making it obligatory for pilots to land and report to the customs authorities.

It is expected that the code will be completed within a week and the results presented to the peace conference. The code will regulate the movement of aircraft and the conduct of pilots.

POPE RECEIVES CLERGY OF EASTERN CHURCH

ROME, March 20.—Pope Benedict received a delegation of members of the Eastern church yesterday. Replying to an address by Monsignor Panathoulis, head of the Eastern delegation, he briefly summed up what he had been able to do to alleviate suffering caused by the war.

"The Roman pontiff has always been a friend to the Oriental church and has tried to bring about a closer union between the two churches. He has not only been a friend, but has shared with deep affection to the East. He has shared with deep affection to the East. He has shared with deep affection to the East."

SPAIN BACKING LEAGUE ALONG WILSON'S VIEWS

MADRID, March 20.—Premier Romanones has told the Associated Press he was a part of the league of nations. He said that Spain was ready to collaborate with other nations to bring about peace and stability in the world.

REVEAL U. S. ARMY'S BIG TRACTOR PLANS

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Army plans for completing 4,447 tractors and 1,465 tanks, contracted for before the outbreak of the war, are shown in a review of outstanding contracts made public today by the war department. The tanks include 15 of the small three-ton type, 50 of the six-ton type, of which 128 had been delivered prior to the war. Fifty tanks and 100 of the 20-ton model, no deliveries of which had been made.